

## YOKEL MEETS TURNER AT LYCEUM TONIGHT

All arrangements for the wrestling bout between Joe Turner, the middle-weight champion, and Mike Yokel, of Salt Lake City, Utah, were completed yesterday afternoon, and all that remains is for the men to take the mat.

Turner has been working exceedingly hard in his training for this match as he realizes that in Yokel he is meeting the only grappler in the country who has ever had the distinction of throwing him upon two different occasions.

The bout, if the reports which are coming from Yokel's quarters are to be given any weight, should prove to be fast and furious from the very start, as the Mormon is out to win this match at all odds.

He realizes that unless he pins the local man to the mat his wrestling reputation will be warped all out of shape.

The bout is scheduled to start at 8:30 o'clock sharp, and will be staged in the Lyceum Theater.

### Southern Asso. Adopts Schedule.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 23.—The 1917 schedule of the Southern Baseball Association, adopted here today, provides for 132 games, with the season opening on April 13 and closing September 15. A post-season series between the championship team and a nine picked from the other seven clubs was arranged for, seven games to be played.

## RAY CALDWELL PITCHING IN PANAMA CANAL ZONE

Ray Caldwell has been discovered. The mystery surrounding his disappearance and failure to report to the Yankees has been solved, if a letter to a Brooklyn fan from Panama Canal Zone is correct. The mischievous states that Ray is pitching down there under the name of Collins.

When the Yankees left for the training camp at Macon, Caldwell did not report at the train as requested, although his wife in Salamanca, N. Y., had received for the letter which advised him of the starting time.

### WHITTIED WILL QUIT.

Refuses to Sign at Salary Offered Him by Baker.

Durham, N. C., Feb. 23.—After receiving a letter from President Baker, of the Philadelphia National League club, flatly refusing an increase of salary, George Whittied, outfielder, said that so far as he was concerned the negotiations between himself and the club were at an end, and that he would not report for spring training.

Whittied said he had asked for an increase of salary from \$4,000 to \$5,000 a season.

## ELMIRA TO BE FARM FOR PHILLIES' PLAYERS

Binghamton, N. Y., Feb. 23.—An announcement is made that President Mortimer Sullivan, of the Elmira State League team, and the stockholders, are arranging with the Philadelphia National League club for an alliance which would mean that the Elmira State League team would consist of Philadelphia rookies and try-outs who are farmed out under the direction of a field manager, to be selected by Philadelphia and who would have charge of the team. This would involve the retirement of "Wild" Conroy, the present manager, who will be released and who is seeking new fields.

It was planned to name Kaiser Wilhelm manager, but if the alliance with Philadelphia is formed the owner of the Philadelphia Nationals will select the manager. It is expected the matter will be settled within the next ten days.

## CHRISTY MATHEWSON OFF TO CINCINNATI

New York, Feb. 23.—Commencing tomorrow Christy Mathewson will be a citizen of Cincinnati. "Matty" has been in the city since he became manager of the Reds, but he held off until today, when he said good-bye to Manhattan. Mathewson believes he can build up a winning team at Cincinnati this year and stated before leaving town that he is well satisfied with the prospects.

## National's Advance Squad Is Speeding Toward Dixie

### Griffith Makes Eleventh-Hour Change and Takes Eddie Flaherty with Team.

By JOHN A. DUGAN.

Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 23.—Driving south, fifty minutes late, this "Griffith Special" is tonight speeding on toward the Augusta training camp.

The National party which pulled out of the Union Station was composed of eight players and a quartet of "war" correspondents.

John Henry, who has been under the hammer of Ban H. Johnson, the president of the American League, during the past winter, is in charge of the squad, and outside of the Old Fox, the greatest of the best little pilot in captivity. The getaways at the Washington Terminal was marked with the regular performance of picture taking and hand shaking.

The heavy rainstorm that greeted the boys as they arrived in Capital this morning is still on the Southern trail, and already many of the anxious ones are figuring if indoor practice will be the program in the workout tomorrow afternoon.

E. Cliff Cohen, the traffic manager of the Atlantic Coast Line, is accompanying the squad, while Fred Harvey Cutler, of Washington, is also making the trip. Catchers Henry, Almsmith, and Gharitty, and Pitchers Harper, Craft, Flaherty, Jamieson, and Shaw make up the advance squad which left the Capital while Doc Ayers joined the squad at Richmond, Va.

This "Dixie Express" had no sooner started on its journey South than the boys pitched into a game. Harry Harper, the Hackensack southpaw, being the leader in the movement.

Although each man in the squad is willing to admit that he is somewhat over-weight, they each are confident that they will be in shape when the Old Fox and the main string hit the Augusta Camp next Wednesday. To a man the squad is anxious to pull into the southern camp, and are ready to jump right in tomorrow and hit the old grind of spring training. Harry Harper is expected to come through as Griffith's mainstay southpaw told a few interesting stories about his experience as a junk dealer. Harry has been gathering junk all winter and honestly admits that he cleaned up quite a little pile on the costly stuff. Although Harper has been gathering in the old "cream" during the past three months Charlie Jamieson claims that the big sidewheeler refused to give him a job because he could not drive an auto truck.

A native son gave out the information that the month of March is the rainy month for Augusta and that it will not be surprising if the Nationals run into some severe rain storms during the early training days. Floods the most popular things that Northern Georgia can boast of during early March and although the boys are not looking for any Charlottesville snow storms, there is quite an amount of kidding about these rain storms even so much as to pronounce them floods.

The boys are over-anxious to greet Nick Altrock and Mike Martin in the morning and quite a reception is to be handed them from Shaw, Gharitty Company.

Southward the advance squad of the Washington baseball club is now wending its way to the Augusta training camp. Boarding the 3 o'clock Atlantic Coast Line rattler at Union Station yesterday, seven young athletes under the watchful eye of John Henry, the National's veteran receiver, entertained harboring hopes of making baseball history in the National Capital during the coming season.

The first pair to put in an appearance were John Henry and Harry Harper. It seems that Henry left Amherst by auto, and when arriving at Hackensack, N. J., picked up Harper, in company this pair left the New Jersey metropolis Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock, believing that they would make Washington not later than 6 o'clock the same evening. They arrived safely all right, but eight hours behind time, limping into Washington yesterday morning at 2 a. m.

Just this side of Philadelphia the first mishap of the trip occurred, a blow-out holding them up for over an hour. Once again on the way, everything was going along serenely until Henry inadvertently steered into a deep rut, with the result that a spring snapped. This mishap held the two players up for almost five hours, and they were finally compelled to resume the journey with the broken spring. Manager Clark Griffith was the next to arrive at the station, the Old Fox being on the scene to see that the boys were safely gotten away. Following Griffith, Ed Gharitty, Molly Craft, Kid Jamieson, Claude Thomas, Eddie Almsmith and Eddie Flaherty showed up.

Each and every one of the boys looked to be in fine fettle, not a one of them giving the appearance of being over-weight. Griffith was highly pleased at the superb condition each and every one seemed to be in, but warned them before boarding the train that upon his arrival at the training camp a week from today he would expect them to be far enough advanced in training to furnish plenty of pep and speed for the second session.

It seems that Griffith at the eleventh hour made a switch in the plans he had made to ship Eddie Flaherty to Des Moines. Under the agreement by which he secured Claude Thomas, from the Western League city, the Old Fox, in addition to cash must turn over a young pitcher to the Des Moines club. When the local manager signed Flaherty to a 1917 contract he explained to the youngster that he would give him the choice of either of two things—remaining with the club during the coming season and gaining what experience he could from the bench or being sent to some fast minor league club where he would be given more opportunities of gaining actual experience from the mound.

Flaherty at the time made no decision in the matter and Griffith naturally took it for granted that the local boy would be satisfied with any berth that he might pick out for him. Upon learning that he was to be sent to Des Moines, Eddie last night got into communication with the National's chieftain and informed him that he was not over-enthusiastic with the switch. The result of the confab was that Griffith decided to take him to the training camp.

Griffith believes that in time Flaherty will develop into a big league pitcher of more than average ability and should he decide to farm him out at the end of the conditioning period it will be with a string attached.

One face that will be missing during the early stages of the training period will be that of Jack Ryan, the club's chief ivory hunter and coach of the young battery candidates. Prior to the closing of the deal to train at Augusta, Ryan signed a contract to again coach the University of Virginia's baseball squad this spring.

In appreciation of the excellent treatment accorded the Nationals during their sojourn at Charlottesville, Griffith has granted Ryan leave of absence from Augusta during the time the club is in the South, in order that he may fulfill his contract with the Virginia university.

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## Georgetown Holds First Practice of the Season

Coach John O'Reilly, of Georgetown's baseball squad, had over forty candidates report yesterday at the Hilltop for the first practice of the season.

While the squad as it now is made up is large and unwieldy, Coach O'Reilly and Capt. Cusack believe that within the next ten days they will have cut it down to a point where a fair line can be gotten on those that will survive the final selection.

Both O'Reilly and Cusack are confident that this year's team will prove to be one of the fastest in the history of the university.

## DOPEY DAN AND LON



**Silver Linings.**  
Oh, th' dreary winter's wainin'—don't ya feel it, honey baby?  
Don't ya see th' sun a' settin' that much brighter every day?  
Can't ya hear th' Georgia "crackers" shoutin' welcome, Nationals, welcome!

When they hit their trainin' quarters in old Dixie far away?  
"For th' love o' Mike, Lon, where was you yesterday mornin'?" If that phone rung up once, it done it ten times, an' each time some Josie wanted t' know if you'd gotten her a seat for th' inauguration parade! Who are you, anyway? Th' committee on settin' 'em!

Why, boss, I was down to th' station wishin' bon-voyage to th' first bunch o' "Griffins" who have went off to Georgia! O' course with all o' these wars, an' dread rumors o' wars, submarine blockades, overt acts, bone-dry amendments, certain picketins', an' a mess o' other truck, I reckon you an' th' rest o' th' folks have clean forgot all about our poor lil' Nationals but if you could have saw that grand shape th' crowd that went off yesterday's in, 't would have made your heart flutter.

Never have I saw such a determined lookin' flock o' athletes, an' believe me, you're gonna hear from that crew this summer! Your old friend, John Henry, who's playin' Da-Da to' advance guard, looks better'n ever. Eddie Almsmith's much bigger, an' is harder'n nails, while Ed Gharitty, who our townfolks will sure hear from this season, is in th' pink o' condition, an' just itchin' to scrap.

There ain't no six ways about it, Boss, this Gharitty kid's gonna make a great ball player some one o' these days, an' you mark what I tell ya!

Jim Shaw, who by th' way is lookin' handsomer an' ever, Charlie Jamieson, "Molly" Crafts, "Moxie" Harper, an' Big Ed Flaherty was th' rest o' th' toasters to hop on th' flier, an' they'll keep pickin' up th' others as they speed through th' South.

Then sandwiched in between all th' players was Washington's great ball scribbler, an' th' instruments that go with 'em. Lil' Johnny Dugan, o' Th' Herald, all sassed up in a sort o' red an' black "mother-hubbard" effect; Loovv Dougher o' th' Times; Denman Thompson o' th' Star, an' Bill Hotel o' th' Post, an' if there's anything pulled off in th' State o' Georgia that this bunch over-looks, you can take it from me, it won't be worth th' lookin'.

Th' Old Fox was down to bid his kiddies good-by, an' after warnin' them about keepin' their mouths open when they slept, an' not to forget to quit pinchin' at th' he whistled a signal, an' they beat it for Dixie.

Griff will follow very shortly with th' rest o' th' pack, an' says that if Washington don't pull down th' gonfalon this season, it won't be no season, 'cause he's strengthened his outfit, an' found just what he needed, so, let's take his word for it, an' start squeezin' this evenin'.

How's at? "Deed, boss, I can't go to no lecture tonight, I run into Joe Turner on my way from th' station, an' he give me a ticket for his big bout with Turrible Mike Yokel, th' Wild Western "bear-cat," an' I'm gonna take it in if it's th' last thing I do! You'd better come with me, 'cause I's gonna be a winner!"

DOPEY DAN.

## BUFF AND BLUE MEET TO OFFER MANY STARS

Over 450 Athletes to Compete at Convention Hall Tomorrow Night.

The complete entry list of the indoor track meet to be held under the auspices of George Washington University's track team, was given out by Manager James last night.

Although twenty-eight events are to be run off during the evening and the program will show that there are over 450 individual athletes entered in the different events, thereby making the meet one of the largest ever staged in the National Capital.

The fifty-yard open handicap dash will bring such well-known stars as Brooke Brewer, Billie Gates, Kevland, of Washington and Lee; Connolly, of Georgetown, and Wilson, of Virginia.

In the one-mile open handicap, Weeks of Johns Hopkins, who won this event in both the Georgetown and Hopkins meets, will be one of the starters.

What should prove one of the most thrilling events on the program should result in the 440 South Atlantic. Aurray, Griffith and Gates, of Georgetown; Winslow and Smith, of Johns Hopkins; Kevland and Gladney, of Washington and Lee; Keen and McDonagh, of Catholic University, and Stone and Wilson, of Virginia, are just a few of the satellites of the circular and board paths that are entered in this event.

Practically every event on the program contains the name of one or more stars and with the running off of the relay the card is one of the most attractive offered followers of track and field for sometime.

Manager James announced last night that the seats opposite the finish would be \$1.50 instead of \$2.00 as last year. All the seats in the south section will be \$1. and that association membership tickets would be good for exchange for reserved seats at 75 cents.

## DILLON STARTS WORK FOR BOUT WITH DARCY

New York, Feb. 23.—Jack Dillon commenced working today for his battle next Monday with Les Darcy at Madison Square Garden. He earned the right to meet Darcy by handing Al McCoy a neat whipping in ten rounds at the Broadway Sporting Club last night.

Unless the McCoy faction succeeds in blocking plans of Promotor Grant Hugh Browne, New York fight fans are certain today that they will witness a battle royal when Dillon and Darcy get together, for both are fighters who use boring-in tactics.

Dillon's victory over McCoy was decisive, but the fans left the arena wondering whether Dillon saved himself because of the close approach of the Darcy bout, or whether he has lost his punch. Almost everyone agreed that Dillon should have won by a knockout, but Dillon did not win in that fashion, though he hit McCoy harder than he has hit any boxer he has faced in a Brooklyn ring. McCoy simply bounced off Dillon's glove and came up for more.

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